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- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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Applicants wish to make of record U.S. Application Serial No. 09/435,613 (Attorney Docket No. 0010-1052-0 CONT; hereinafter referred to as "the '613 application").

Submitted herewith is the following from the '613 application:

- (1) the Preliminary Amendment submitted with the application on November 8, 1999,
- (2) the Official Action dated February 8, 2001,
- (3) Applicants' Amendment and Request for Reconsideration submitted on May 8, 2001, in response to the Official Action dated February 8, 2001, with enclosures, and
- (4) the Official Action dated July 10, 2001.

As of the date indicated below, Applicants have not filed a response to the Official Action dated July 10, 2001.

Applicants note that Claim 2 of the present application, U.S. Application Serial No. 09/436,756, is the same as Claim 19 of the '613 application (see Preliminary Amendment submitted on November 8, 2001). Claim 19 of the '613 application was rejected for the

reasons set forth in the Official Action dated February 8, 2001 in that application. Claim 19 of the '613 application was canceled in Applicants' Amendment and Request for Reconsideration submitted on May 8, 2001.

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